

# SENATE JOURNAL

*Forty-fifth Legislature—Second Called Session*

## PROCEEDINGS

### FIRST DAY

(Monday, September 27, 1937)

In response to the proclamation of the Governor of the State, convening the Legislature to meet in special session, the Senate of Texas met in the Senate Chamber at 12:00 o'clock meridian.

Hon. Walter F. Woodul, Lieutenant Governor of Texas and President of the Senate, called the Senate to order.

### Temporary Officers

The President announced the appointment of the following temporary officers of the Senate:

Secretary of the Senate, Bob Barker.

Sergeant-at-Arms, A. W. Holt.

Journal Clerk, Noel K. Brown.

Doorkeeper, Joel Gunn.

Calendar Clerk, Martha E. Turner.

Chaplain, Father Theodore Drees.

### Roll Call

The President directed the Secretary to call the roll of the Senate.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Newton
Beck	Oneal
Brownlee	Pace
Burns	Rawlings
Collie	Redditt
Cotten	Roberts
Davis	Small
Head	Stone
Hill	Sulak
Holbrook	Van Zandt
Isbell	Weinert
Lemens	Westerfeld
Moore	Winfield
Neal	Woodruff
Nelson	

The following Senators were absent and excused:

Shivers                      Spears

A quorum was announced present.

The invocation was offered by Father Theodore Drees, Temporary Chaplain.

### Leaves of Absence Granted

Senator Shivers was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Burns.

Senator Spears was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Nelson.

### Proclamation by the Governor

The President laid before the Senate, and had read, the following proclamation by the Governor:

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, the General Fund of this State is at present operating under a deficit of approximately fifteen million dollars; and

Whereas the Forty-fifth Legislature of the Regular Session passed appropriation bills increasing expenditures over those of the past biennium; and

Whereas, income into the General Fund does not equal outgo by at least four and a half million dollars per year; and

Whereas, it is desirable that the deficit of fifteen million dollars shall be retired at least over a period of years; and

Whereas, no revenue measures were passed by the Forty-fifth Legislature to provide for either retiring the deficit or to take care of the increased appropriations; and

Whereas, I recommended to the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature that additional moneys be placed in the old age assistance fund, and such fund is now in debt \$1,626,000.00 on outstanding warrants and the Board of Control estimates that in addition we need to allocate approxi-

mately two million dollars annually to this fund; and, in my opinion, the old age assistance fund does need additional revenues to care for the actual needy; and

Whereas, at a special election held on August 23, 1937, the people adopted amendments to the Constitution to authorize the State to aid the needy blind and provide help for the needy, neglected and dependent children of this State (not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 per year); and

Whereas, the people have heretofore adopted an amendment to authorize a teachers retirement act and the Forty-fifth Legislature passed a law to make said amendment effective; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Legislature of this State to provide revenues for the operation of the government and, in my opinion, it is certainly the duty of the Legislature to provide revenues to take care of the appropriations they have themselves made and to carry out the people's will, manifested in the adoption of such constitutional amendments.

Now, therefore, I, James V. Allred, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby call the second extraordinary session of the Forty-fifth Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday, the 27th day of September, A. D. 1937, for the following purpose:

To pass laws levying taxes to raise revenues sufficient to adequately provide for:

(a) The wiping out of the deficit in the General Fund and to make income equal outgo from said fund.

(b) To provide additional funds to be allocated for old age assistance.

(c) To provide for aid to the needy blind, the dependent, neglected and needy children, and to take care of the State's portion under the teachers' retirement amendment and act.

In Testimony Whereof, I have heretofore signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be impressed hereon at Austin, this the 11th day of September, 1937.

(Seal) JAMES V. ALLRED,  
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

Edward Clark,  
Secretary of State.

### Caucus Report

Senator Redditt submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
September 27, 1937.

Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas.

Sir: At a caucus held in the office of the Senate attended by twenty-eight members of the Senate, the following recommendations were made, to-wit:

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Second Called Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, and at salaries set opposite their names:

Secretary of the Senate, Bob Barker, \$10.00 per day.

Sergeant-at-Arms, A. W. Holt, \$7.50 per day.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, R. H. (Bob) Warren, \$5.00 per day.

Doorkeeper, Joel Gunn, \$5.00 per day.

Assistant Doorkeeper, Ed Wilson, \$5.00 per day.

Chaplain, Theodore Drees, \$5.00 per day.

Journal Clerk, Noel K. Brown, \$7.50 per day.

Assistant Journal Clerk, Mary M. Keeble, \$5.00 per day.

Calendar Clerk, Martha Turner, \$7.50 per day.

Assistant Calendar Clerk, Gladys Little, \$5.00 per day.

Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, Essie McGinnis, \$7.50 per day.

Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, Florence Butts, \$7.50 per day.

Postmaster, Lola Lawrence, \$5.00 per day.

Mailing Clerk, Ann Polglass, \$5.00 per day.

Librarian, Theodosia Bell, \$5.00 per day.

Warrant Clerk, Helen Avery, \$5.00 per day.

Parliamentarian, Ben Smith, \$5.00 per day.

Chief P. B. X. Operator, Ruth Phillips, \$5.00 per day.

Assistant P. B. X. Operator, Mildred Pressley, \$5.00 per day.

It is recommended that each Senator, Lieutenant Governor and the Secretary of the Senate, be permitted to name one secretary, who shall act as clerk of the committee of which the Senator naming such employees shall be the chairman thereof, such employee to receive \$5.00 per day, except the private secretary of the Lieutenant Governor shall receive \$7.50 per day.

It is further recommended that each Senator, the Lieutenant Governor and the Secretary of the Senate be permitted to name two employees of the Senate in addition to their private secretary, that the name of such employees be referred to an assignment committee hereinafter named, said committee to be authorized to select from said employees all employees in the Engrossing and Enrolling room and other departments of the Senate to assign said employment, said employees so named by the Senators, the Lieutenant Governor and the Secretary of the Senate to receive the sum of \$5.00 per day.

The Lieutenant Governor is hereby named as assignment committee, for the purpose of assigning employees as herein authorized.

It is further recommended that the several appointments of employees heretofore made by the Lieutenant Governor and announced in the Senate and considered by the caucus are confirmed.

The salaries of the day and night elevator operators shall be \$4.00 per day each, and the salaries of the porters shall be \$2.50 per day each, except the head porter whose salary shall be \$4.00 per day and the porter carrying the mail shall receive \$3.50 per day, and the salaries of the pages shall be \$2.50 per day and the salaries of the messengers shall be \$3.00 per day.

It is further recommended that the Lieutenant Governor be authorized to select not exceeding six additional employees at \$5.00 per day to be assigned by him when and where needed.

The Lieutenant Governor is requested to recommend that the Southwestern Telephone Company employ Miss Mary Jacobs to attend the duties of telephone operator of the Senate, and a night operator to be named by the assignment committee, out of the employees whose names are filed with said committee.

The Lieutenant Governor, Senators and the Secretary of the Senate are

hereby fully authorized and empowered to use all assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and all other necessary employees for any and all services needed in and about the Senate.

It is further recommended that no employee of the Senate shall during the time he or she is employed, furnish to any person, firm or corporation any information pertaining to the Senate and they shall not receive any compensation from any person, firm or corporation during their employment by the Senate and any employee found guilty of violating this provision shall be immediately discharged.

All employees, except those responsible directly to the Lieutenant Governor, some Senator, Secretary of the Senate, or committee, shall report for duty at eight o'clock a. m. and one o'clock p. m., reporting to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, and none of such employees shall be paid for days they are absent from the Senate.

It is further recommended that no person be employed by the Senate or under its direction, except private secretaries, who may be related within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity to any member of the Legislature or to any other person employed by or holding office under either the State of Texas, or the United States of America, or political subdivision of this State, or by any public supported institution. (Art. 432, Penal Code.)

It is further recommended that the Lieutenant Governor, each Senator and the Secretary of the Senate, be allowed the stationery and postage needed by them respectively, and expenses incurred in transmitting and receiving telephone and telegraph messages and express charges, such as may be actually necessary in the discharge of their official duties, said expenses to be paid out of the contingent fund.

It is further recommended that 2600 Journals be printed; that same be prorated among the Senators and Lieutenant Governor, except that 150 Journals shall be furnished the Members of the House.

It is further recommended that the Sergeant-at-Arms rent such typewriters as may be necessary for the use of the employees of the Senate, the contract to be approved by the assignment committee.

It is further recommended that the

Senate request the State Comptroller of Public Accounts to issue general revenue warrants for the pay of the members and employees of the Senate upon presentation of the payroll account signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Senate.

It is further recommended that each Senator, the Lieutenant Governor and the Secretary of the Senate, and Librarian be permitted to subscribe for three newspapers to be paid for out of the contingent fund.

It is further recommended that the President of the Senate have exclusive appointment of a sufficient number of custodians, messengers, pages, elevator operators, and porters as in his judgment may be necessary.

It is further recommended that in the appointment of pages and messengers, that those appointed at the beginning of the session shall serve for a term to be determined by the Lieutenant Governor.

It is further recommended that the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall have authority to employ such additional employees of his own selection who shall receive compensation in accordance with the compensation paid similar positions as herein fixed, who shall discharge the duties of the Finance Committee.

It is further recommended that the private rooms allotted to the Senators by the method as adopted by the caucus be assigned to the Senators and their successors unless otherwise directed by the Senate.

It is further recommended that each Senator, as quickly as possible, file with the Secretary of the Senate the name of his private secretary selected; that he also file with the Chairman of the committee aforesaid the name of the employees selected, together with his or her postoffice address and a suggestion as to the special qualification of said employee.

It is further recommended that Rev. W. H. Doss be elected Chaplain Emeritus without compensation.

Be it further resolved that no employee of the Senate except those whose official duties require them to work upon the floor of the Senate shall have access to the floor unless that employee shall have been requested by a Senator, the Lieutenant Governor, or the Secretary of the Senate, to come on the floor for some official duty which when performed they will immediately leave the floor of the Senate. The Sergeant-at-Arms is

specifically ordered to see that this provision is carried out.

**HOLBROOK, Chairman.**

On motion of Senator Hill, a full reading of the report was dispensed with.

Senator Hill moved that the report be adopted as a resolution of the Senate.

Senator Holbrook offered the following amendment to the report:

Amend caucus report by allowing each Senator to appoint his secretary and one employee instead of two.

Senator Burns moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

**Yeas—13**

Brownlee	Moore
Burns	Newton
Cotten	Sulak
Davis	Van Zandt
Head	Weinert
Hill	Winfield
Lemens	

**Nays—16**

Aikin	Pace
Beck	Rawlings
Collie	Redditt
Holbrook	Roberts
Isbell	Small
Neal	Stone
Nelson	Westerfeld
Oneal	Woodruff

**Absent—Excused**

Shivers	Spears
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Senator Hill offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend caucus report to provide that each Senator be allowed a secretary and no more employees.

Question first recurring on the substitute for the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

**Yeas—11**

Aikin	Redditt
Beck	Roberts
Collie	Stone
Hill	Sulak
Holbrook	Woodruff
Rawlings	

## Nays—18

Brownlee	Nelson
Burns	Newton
Cotten	Oneal
Davis	Pace
Head	Small
Isbell	Van Zandt
Lemens	Weinert
Moore	Westerfeld
Neal	Winfield

## Absent—Excused

Shivers	Spears
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Question next recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas—13

Beck	Rawlings
Collie	Redditt
Holbrook	Roberts
Isbell	Small
Neal	Stone
Nelson	Woodruff
Oneal	

## Nays—16

Aikin	Moore
Brownlee	Newton
Burns	Pace
Cotten	Sulak
Davis	Van Zandt
Head	Weinert
Hill	Westerfeld
Lemens	Winfield

## Absent—Excused

Shivers	Spears
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Question then recurring on the motion of Senator Hill to adopt the report as a resolution of the Senate, it prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—16

Brownlee	Newton
Burns	Pace
Cotten	Redditt
Davis	Sulak
Head	Van Zandt
Hill	Weinert
Lemens	Westerfeld
Moore	Winfield

## Nays—13

Aikin	Oneal
Beck	Rawlings
Collie	Roberts
Holbrook	Small
Isbell	Stone
Neal	Woodruff
Nelson	

## Absent—Excused

Shivers	Spears
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## Oaths of Office Administered

The President administered the constitutional oath of office to all officers of the Senate named in the caucus report.

## Senate Notified

A committee of five members of the House appeared at the bar of the Senate; and Mr. Ross, a member of the committee, announced the House of Representatives organized and ready for the transaction of business.

## Election of President Pro Tempore

The President announced that the next business in order is the election of President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Senator Beck nominated Hon. Allan Shivers as President Pro Tempore.

Senator Moore seconded the nomination of Hon. Allan Shivers.

The President appointed Senators Aikin, Collie and Roberts to take up and count the ballots.

Hon. Allan Shivers received 29 votes.

The President declared Hon. Allan Shivers duly elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

## Committees to Notify the Governor and House

On motion of Senator Woodruff, it was ordered that a committee of three Senators be appointed to notify the Governor, and a committee of three Senators also be appointed to notify the House, that the Senate is organized and ready for the transaction of business.

Accordingly, the President appointed the following committees:

To notify the Governor: Senators Nelson, Oneal and Holbrook.

To notify the House: Senators Small, Rawlings and Neal.

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That the House and Senate go into joint session at 12:45 noon, September 27, 1937, for the purpose of hearing the Governor's message to the Second Called Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature.

The President laid the resolution before the Senate for consideration at this time.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Message From the House

A Clerk from the House was recognized to present the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
September 27, 1937.

Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 4, Providing for a joint session of the House and Senate at 12:50 o'clock p. m., September 27, 1937, for the purpose of hearing the Honorable James V. Allred, Governor of the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution, received from the House today:

H. C. R. No. 4, Providing for a joint session of the Legislature at 12:55 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 27, 1937, to hear a message by the Governor.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Governor and House Notified

The committees appointed to notify the Governor and to notify the House that the Senate is organized and ready for the transaction of business reported severally that they had performed the duties respectively assigned to them.

#### Senate Resolution No. 2

Senator Lemens offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Honorable Wellie Hopkins, former Senator from Gonzales, is in the city and within the Capitol Building; and

Whereas, He is known throughout the Nation as an outstanding Democrat and has reflected great honor upon his native State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Honorable Wellie Hopkins be invited to address the Senate and that he be given the privileges of the floor for today.

LEMENS,  
WEINERT,  
MOORE,  
BURNS.

The resolution was read.

Senator Head moved that the resolution be amended by adding the names of Hon. W. R. Poage and Hon. Nat Patton, Congressmen from Texas.

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Accordingly, the President appointed Senators Weinert, Moore and Lemens to escort the distinguished visitors named in the resolution to the President's stand.

Senator Weinert presented Hon. Wellie Hopkins, who addressed the Senate briefly.

#### Joint Session

At 12:55 o'clock, p. m., the President announced the hour heretofore fixed by concurrent resolution for the two Houses to meet in joint session to hear a message by the Governor had arrived, and he requested the Senators to proceed in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Honorable Senators, accompanied by the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, were announced at the entrance of Hall of the House, and were admitted duly and escorted to seats already prepared for them in the Hall.

The President of the Senate, by invitation of the Speaker of the House, occupied a seat on the Speaker's stand.

Hon. Robert W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, called the House to order.

Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate, called the Senate to order.

Hon. James V. Allred, Governor of Texas, was announced at the bar of the House, and was escorted to the Speaker's stand by Senators Hill, Westerfeld and Nelson, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Mauritz, Alexander, Tennyson, Hull and Carsow, on the part of the House.

The President of the Senate then presented Governor James V. Allred, who read to the joint session the following message:

Austin, Texas,  
September 27, 1937.

To the Members of the Forty-fifth Legislature (Second Called Session):

We are here to carry out the "people's program."

With an ever mounting deficit in the general fund; facing radical reduction in the rolls and in payments to our aged needy by January 1st; with a Constitutional mandate from the people to adequately provide for our old people and to extend the helping hand of the State to the needy blind and to underprivileged children; solemnly obligated to contribute to a retirement fund for teachers who have devoted a lifetime of poorly compensated service in moulding the minds and character of our children—teachers from whom already the State is collecting contributions to this fund; all this in a State rich in resources and well able to make these investments in human happiness and security—this, in my judgment, constitutes an "extraordinary occasion," which, under the Constitution, required me to call this session.

There is still too much misery, too much want among too many people in Texas. Many of our old folks are still in dire need. They are either not on the old age assistance rolls at all, or the payments made to them are too small adequately to sustain them. Underprivileged children in poverty stricken homes are entitled to our help. The blind cry out for justice. Already Texas has delayed longer than most of the states in putting these features of the social security program into effect. But—Texas people have made their wishes known at the ballot box. You and I must meet this challenge with action, or stand in-

dicted for breaking faith with the people.

Let it be remembered that on every occasion when they have had an opportunity to express themselves, overwhelming approval has been given to the humanitarian social security program inaugurated and carried on during this administration. The job is not completed. It is the people's will that it shall be!

"Of course," it costs money to pay for unemployment compensation and for old age assistance. "Of course," it will cost money to aid the needy blind, to aid dependent children and to contribute to the retirement of our teachers. "Of course," we are going to have to raise additional revenue to defray these newly added expenses of government. But—the people ordered this! Does anyone presume for one moment that they were ignorant of these realities when they directed these progressive reforms? Of course not! Indeed, the people were warned by those who opposed these amendments that taxes would have to be levied to support them.

Realizing as I do that we are faced with these necessities, I cannot help, indeed I do not wish to avoid taking notice of efforts being made to turn us from the path of plain and simple duty. "Beware of false prophets."

Let me caution you against those who say there is no necessity for additional taxes, who denounce old age assistance as a dole, who make the specious argument that the social security program can be carried on at the expense of other necessary functions of government, and who condemn as socialistic and un-American the great progressive strides that have been made under Democratic leadership.

Whether they knew it or not, those who say these things are but playing into the hands of selfish interests, of haughty men who apparently think that because they have acquired great wealth they should be given special privileges. Although able to pay, they are unwilling to bear their share of the burden.

Those who say these things apparently think it would be better for the State in the long run for old people to continue in want, for the blind and the needy children to suffer, than to increase the cost of government. But they do not speak for the great masses of the people of Texas. They represent forces of reaction and fu-

tiley hope for the return of the "good old days" when someone told a destitute people, who could not even assist themselves, that it was their duty to support the government.

These people had just as well understand here and now that, so far as I am concerned, there is not going to be any turning back. The people have ordered this social security program. You and I recognized our responsibility by passing an old age assistance law, which is not yet adequately financed; by passing a law authorizing aid to the needy blind and to dependent children, but for which not one penny has, as yet, been provided; by passing a law solemnly obligating the State to contribute to the teachers' retirement fund in an amount equal to the contributions of the teachers; but for which solemn contract not a single penny has been provided.

When we passed these laws we recognized our responsibility to humanity and partially carried out a mandate from the people. I insist that if Texas is to continue to march on the high road of progress, you and I must continue to be responsive to the people's wishes. Since certain reactionary forces insist that we do not need any new taxes for these purposes, I take my stand with the old folks, with the underprivileged children, with the blind, and with those who have suffered and now suffer social injustices. For them I shall continue to fight!

It's easy in an "off election" year for organized powerful groups to propagandize members of the Legislature to the effect that we do not need any new taxes; when they know, you know, I know, we do. It's easy for those who are themselves basking in luxury and ease to say that "everything's all right" and that we need no new taxes for those in want. "For there shall arise false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." They would have us render lip service only to the needy.

It's a self-evident fact there is not enough money in the old age assistance fund to adequately provide for our needy old folks. Unless some additional money is put into this fund by January 1st, they are going to suffer even more. You and I are either for or against adequate and

additional funds for these old people. I am for it! Where do you stand?

There is no dispute whatever that not a single penny has been provided for the blind, for dependent and neglected children, or for our share of the teachers' retirement act. You and I are either for or against providing money for these purposes. I am for it! Where do you stand?

#### Security Needs

How much money do we need: we already owe \$1,626,000.00 on past due old age assistance warrants. Besides this, I think we ought to have at least two million dollars more each year in the old age assistance fund. We need \$300,000.00 each year for aid to the blind. We need a million and a half dollars each year for aid to dependent children. Conservatively we need approximately \$1,500,000.00 each year for our contribution to the teachers' retirement fund. Thus it will be seen that we need a total of \$6,926,000.00 for the people's social security program.

#### General Revenue

Last January I told you that the State Auditor estimated the deficit in the general fund would be approximately fifteen million dollars on August 31st. It is actually approximately \$15,194,000.00.

The State Auditor estimates that the deficit at the end of the next fiscal year will be twenty million dollars, and at the end of the biennium twenty-four million dollars. In making these estimates he has made liberal allowance for better business conditions. This deficit would have been several million dollars greater had it not been for my vetoes.

Thus it will be seen that for the next two years the expenditures out of general revenue will exceed income approximately four and a half million dollars each year. This will still leave the deficit at about fifteen million dollars. We need new taxes for general revenue to take care of the increased appropriations made by this Legislature and to wipe out the deficit. I urge that the budget be balanced now; and that provision be made to retire this deficit.

#### How to Raise the Money

How shall we raise the money: My views are well known to this Legislature. I have tried to make my tax



recommendations and messages as exhaustive as possible. They are matters of public record in the journals of both houses. I still think we ought to raise this money from those who are able to pay; from increased natural resource taxes, from franchise taxes, from taxes on the earnings of pipeline companies, utilities and other corporations. More than thirty States in this Union have an income tax law. I think this tax is fairer than a general sales tax. We can finance this security program and balance the budget without a general sales tax.

Members of the 45th Legislature, I submit it is your duty to levy taxes sufficient to take care of the appropriations which you yourselves increased. It is likewise unquestionably your duty to levy taxes to pay for social and relief measures voted by the people. For that purpose I have called you here in extraordinary session and have made my recommendations. I stand ready to counsel and assist you at all times, but the matter is now in your hands. I appeal to you as loyal, patriotic Texans to carry out not my program, not your program, but the "people's program," the program they ordered at the polls, a program that should be free of politics or personalities.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES V. ALLRED,  
Governor of Texas.

The President announced the business of the joint session concluded and requested the Senators to repair to the Senate Chamber.

#### In the Senate

The Senate was called to order at 1:25 o'clock p. m. by the President.

#### Senate Resolution No. 3

Senator Hill offered the following resolution:

Whereas there are present certain members of the State Women's Division of the Democratic Party, including its distinguished chairman, Mrs. Frances Edmonson of Bexar County, Mrs. Angus Coe Scruggs of Tarrant County, Mrs. D. W. Langhorne of Shelby County, and Mrs. Sula Gardner of Tarrant County, who have rendered valuable service to the cause of the Democratic Party in Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That they be invited to

address the Senate and be accorded the privileges of the floor.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Accordingly, the President appointed Senators Hill, Rawlings and Spears to escort the distinguished visitors named in the resolution to the President's stand.

#### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Lemens, the Senate, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### SECOND DAY

(Tuesday, September 28, 1937)

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Woodul.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Oneal
Beck	Pace
Brownlee	Rawlings
Burns	Redditt
Collie	Roberts
Cotten	Shivers
Head	Small
Hill	Spears
Holbrook	Stone
Isbell	Sulak
Lemens	Van Zandt
Moore	Weinert
Neal	Westerfeld
Nelson	Winfield
Newton	Woodruff

The following Senator was absent and excused:

Davis

A quorum was announced present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with.

#### Leave of Absence Granted

Senator Davis was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Winfield.